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Outlaws up next for Blackhawks

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Council Bluffs, Ia. – The Iowa Blackhawks, fresh off a 33-20 victory over the Springfield WolfPack last Saturday, travel back to the Show Me state, this time to do battle with the Mid-Missouri Outlaws, from Sedalia. The Outlaws are currently (4-1) and in second place in the American Professional Football League standings and are coming off a 56-46 victory over the Kansas Koyotes on May 22.

The contest will start at 7:05 at the Mathewson Exhibition Center at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. The Blackhawks have not played in Sedalia since 2006, when they defeated the now defunct Missouri Minutemen, 42-32

The Blackhawks (6-0) are looking for a bit of revenge, as well as maintaining its first place standing. The Blackhawks last season were defeated by the Outlaws 54-49 after jumping out to a seemingly comfortable 35-0 lead. The Outlaws, in their first season in the APFL, were perennial powers in the CPFL, winning three straight championships.

Chuck Wright's three touchdown passes last week, helped the veteran set a franchise record with 27 touchdown passes with three regular season games remaining. Two of his scores were to Mike Stuart, who now has 11 on the season, and is tied with Steve Rush for the team lead. Running Back Mell Holliday, who scored once against the WolfPack, is now within one hundred yards of 1,000 career rushing yards.

Defensively, Alsid Panteau leads the Blackhawks in tackles and interceptions from his cornerback position. The beefy defensive line of Lamain Rucker, Jeff Quinn, Derek Phillips and Albert Rodriguez, will again be an important key for a Blackhawks victory. McQuinn, a Council Bluffs native, was active in the latest Springfield victory, not allowing the WolfPack Derek Rasmussen much time to set and throw. Rucker and Rodriguez are tied for the team lead in sacks.

The Outlaws are led on offense by quarterback Kyle Middleton, who has thrown for 19 touchdowns, and is an excellent athlete. His top receivers are Marcus James, Aaron Luebbe and Ben Lyles. Allen Williams teams with Jacob Cahill, to form a nice backfield punch for Mid-Missouri.

Mid-Missouri's defense is surrendering around 34 points a game, and is led by linebackers Tufue Tua and Marc Tiernan, a couple of bruising 235-pounders. The secondary is headed



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by Jamel Sims and Moa Palepale, who both weigh in at 200-pounds. The Outlaws defensive line, while not as big as the Iowa front line, is extremely quick and aggressive.